

(vii) **Upgradation of merits:** The scheme aims at upgrading the merit of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes student by providing them with facilities for all round development through education in residential schools. The scheme provides for 100% Central assistance. Under this scheme coaching is provided in linguistic skills, science, mathematics.

(viii) **Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas:** The scheme was launched with objective to extend educational facilities like establishment of residential schools for STs in an environment conducive to learning. The funding is done to the States on 50:50 basis (100% to UTs). The scheme covers primary, secondary and senior secondary level of education.

Besides, the schemes Educational Complexes in low ST female literacy pockets for development of women literacy in Tribal areas; Education Development Programme for SC girls belonging to very low literacy level (less than 2%) and Research and Training are also being implemented for educational development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

#### **Direct trains for State Capitals**

\*413. **SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether direct trains have connected the capitals of every state;
- (b) if not, the details of State capitals connected and not connected with direct trains; and
- (c) what are Government's plans for laying rail lines in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Srinagar, Gangtok, Kohima, Imphal, Itanagar, Agartala, Aizawl, Shillong and Panjim are not connected to the Railway network. All the other State capitals are provided with adequate train services.

(c) Investment Planning on the Railways is done with a national perspective taking an integrated view of the system requirements. Geographical boundaries of States are not a criterion for taking investment decisions. Moreover, a number of Railways projects span across more than one State. However, details of ongoing New Line works and Surveys for New Lines covering the areas in the State of Rajasthan are given in the Statement.

**Statement**

**New Line Railway projects in Rajasthan**

(a) *On-going New Line Projects on Western & Northern Railways covering the State of Rajasthan.*

S.No.	Name of Project	Kms.	Cost
1.	Dausa-Gangapur	92.07	217.903
2.	Ajmer-Pushkar	26.3	67.00
3.	Ramganjmandi-Bhopal	262	425.00

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(b) *On-going Railway surveys for New Lines in Rajasthan.*

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S.No. Name of the Project

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1. Anupgarh to Bikaner
2. Jalore to Falna
3. Jhunjhunu-Pilani
4. Kolayat-Pokharan-Barmer
5. Nokha-Sikar via Bedasar and Sujangarh
6. Dungarpur to Ratlam via Banswara
7. Jaisalmer to Kandla

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**Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic units in PHA**

\*414. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to open Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Units of CGHS in the Parliament House Annex to popularise Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy;
- (b) if so, the reasons for not opening the above units, despite availability of suitable accommodation and funds; and
- (c) by when the above CGHS units are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The proposal to open Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Units of CGHS in Parliament House Annex was considered by the Ministry of Finance who have advised that in view of the austerity measures, the proposal be deferred.